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TEXT: 1. [REDACTED]

MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA  
PLANS TO REPLACE LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADALBERTO ((CRUZ)) AS  
COMMANDER OF THE COMMANDO INSTRUCTION CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO  
GOTERA, MORAZAN DEPARTMENT. HIS REPLACEMENT MAY BE LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL AUGUSTO ((MARAVILLA)) REYES, WHO CURRENTLY IS SERVING  
AS COMMANDER OF THE AHUACHAPAN MILITARY DETACHMENT. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: LIEUTENANT COLONEL CRUZ' REPLACEMENT IS LONG OVERDUE.  
HE HAS SERVED WELL IN THE CRITICAL SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA

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FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS. NORMAL TOURS OF DUTY IN THIS STRENUOUS  
POSITION ARE 15 MONTHS.)

2. [REDACTED] GENERAL VIDES  
ALSO INTENDS TO REPLACE LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARLOS ALFREDO ((RIVAS))  
NAJARRO, CURRENT COMMANDER OF THE SENSUNTEPEQUE MILITARY DETACHMENT  
IN CABANAS DEPARTMENT. LIEUTENANT COLONEL RIVAS HAS SERVED IN  
THIS POSITION ONLY SINCE DECEMBER 1983. CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL  
ADOLFO ONECIFERO ((BLANDON)) IS DISSATISFIED WITH RIVAS' LACK  
OF AGGRESSIVENESS IN TACTICAL OPERATIONS AGAINST INSURGENTS IN

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CABANAS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: EXACT TIMING OF THESE REPLACEMENTS  
HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED BY GENERAL VIDES.)

3. [REDACTED] BOTH CRUZ AND  
RIVAS ARE RIGHTMOST MILITARY OFFICERS AND THIS FACTOR MAY HAVE  
PLAYED A ROLE IN GENERAL VIDES' DECISION TO TRANSFER THEM IN AN  
EFFORT TO DISSIPATE THE STRENGTH OF THE MILITARY CLIQUE WHICH  
OPPOSES PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)).

4. GENERAL VIDES ALSO PLANS TO BRING BACK LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL BENJAMIN ((RAMOS)) MENDOZA AND SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA))  
PEREZ FROM ASSIGNMENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO GIVE THE SALVADORAN  
MILITARY GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN TERMS OF FIELD GRADE OFFICERS  
AVAILABLE FOR COMBAT ASSIGNMENTS. RAMOS IS THE LIKELY REPLACEMENT  
FOR RIVAS IN SENSUNTEPEQUE.

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